

STATE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL (SIAC)

November Meeting Summary



Date | time November 13, 2019 | 10:00 a.m. | **Meeting Location** Administrative Office of the Courts

Meeting called to order by Elizabeth Caywood, Deputy Commissioner of Department for Community Based Services & SIAC Vice Chair

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & UPDATES

Elizabeth Caywood, Deputy Commissioner, Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) & SIAC Vice Chair, welcomed members/alternates to the meeting. Ms. Caywood provided an update for DCBS, stating they are working on a number of initiatives within the department, including the implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act. Ms. Caywood reported DCBS is working actively with the Public Assistance Task Force, which will have its last meeting on November 18.

- **Rachel Bingham**, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), recognized Angela Morris as the new Family Services Manager, and she recognized Kimberly Griffin with the Court Improvement Program.
- **Jenean Hampton**, Lt. Governor, attended as an interested community member. The Lt. Governor reported she discovered SIAC while looking into youth suicide. She said if she had a chance to speak to Governor-Elect Beshear, she will impress upon him the importance and the magnitude of this issue and others that this body addresses, along with the important role SIAC plays in helping Kentucky's youth.
- **Rhonda Logsdon**, KY-SPIN, Family Organization Representative, reported the dates for the Special Education Summits in December; Ms. Logsdon will send the dates electronically for the SIAC Administrator to distribute. Ms. Logsdon provided a handout [See Meeting Handout] providing specifics for the Summits and webinars.
- **Denitta Mercier**, Parent Representative, reported there is a joint meeting November 16-17 at Barren River State Park; this is an opportunity for Peer Support Specialists to receive extra training, network, and discuss things from across the state. In the Barren River region, Life Skills will be hosting 2020 Family Game Night on January 17th. Peer Support will lead games, and there will be prizes and refreshments.
- **Vestena Robbins**, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID), reported the following open positions: Project Director and Family Engagement Coordinator working with the System of Care grant and a TAYLRD State Level Youth Coordinator. Dr. Robbins reported DBHDID hired Miriam Silman, an expert in Trauma Informed Care, as the Co-Director of Project AWARE and assisting in transforming interested departments into a trauma-informed cabinet.
- **Damien Sweeney**, Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), reported KDE has developed an individual learning playbook based on career exploration and social-emotional learning to be used with grades 5 through 12. These playbooks offer educators themes and lessons to teach. Dr. Sweeney reminded members and audience to be mindful about seasonal depression this time of year. Dr. Sweeney recommended checking out the *Happiness Lab* podcast developed by a Yale professor. Dr. Sweeney stated it is a fantastic reminder of how we can become happy in our lives.
- **Callie Cartmell**, Youth Representative, reported that Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children hosted a Color Run on October 19th.

BUSINESS ITEMS

❖ Review of October Meeting Summary

Rachel Bingham stated there was an error in the AOC update. Ms. Bingham corrected the language, then made a motion to approve as amended. **Denitta Mercier** – second to the motion. Motion carried.

❖ Legislative Updates

Elizabeth Caywood, Deputy Commissioner of DCBS & SIAC Vice Chair, reported that in supporting Governor Bevin's Red Tape Reduction Initiative, they have identified a few statutes they would like to repeal or amend to reduce administrative burdens. The Family First Prevention Act required comprehensive fingerprint based background checks for employees of child-caring facilities. The Federal Bureau of Investigations did not approve the legislation and denied DCBS approval to implement because it needed more detail. In addition, DCBS had originally proposed including private foster care providers, but this piece was removed in a Senate floor amendment. Vice Chair Caywood reported DCBS would like to add similar checks to their Protection and Permanency Staff. DCBS will continue working on that legislation. DCBS is also interested in the reinstatement of parental rights; a number of budget requests, including increasing work force supports and decoupling, which would change how we reimburse private foster care providers; and post permanency supports and performance based contracting.

Vestena Robbins, DBHDID, reported the School Safety & Resiliency Act Support Team has been meeting regularly, with the recent ad hoc meeting covering legislative changes that the various entities were interested in purposing related to Senate Bill 1 last session. While there is a list of changes to Senate Bill 1 that the team is interested in proposing, the majority of the suggested revisions are considered clean up and clarifications.

REGIONAL AND STATE LEVEL UPDATES ON SUICIDE PREVENTION

Donnie Ray, Big Sandy Regional Interagency Council (RIAC) Local Resource Coordinator, Mountain Comprehensive Care Center; **Gwen Hatfield**, Big Sandy RIAC Chair, DCBS; **Brittany Thompson**, Ridge Behavioral Health Services and RIAC Member; and **Melina Hampton**, Department of Juvenile Justice and RIAC Member, presented about Big Sandy RIAC's suicide prevention initiatives. They provided information about how suicide has affected their region, and their efforts to provide suicide awareness and prevention in that region.

Beck Whipple, Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Behavioral Health Prevention & Promotion Branch, DBHDID, provided statewide data regarding suicide and provided an overview of suicide prevention initiatives across the state. A copy of the PowerPoint is available [see Meeting Handouts].

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Elizabeth Caywood, Deputy Commissioner of Department for Community Based Services & SIAC Vice Chair, asked for input on future agenda items.

- Peer Support program – Carol Cecil and Barb Greene, KPFC – December 2019
- RED Strategic Plan – Pastor Palmer, Standing Committee Chair – December 2019
- SAFESPACE Final Results and Next Steps – SAFESPACE leadership committee – January 2020
- Kentucky's 5th System of Care Grant – Vestena Robbins and Beth Jordan, DBHDID – January 2020
- National Agenda for America's Youth – Boys and Girls Club – January 2020
- SMART friends and family – Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children – TBD
- Violence Prevention – Christopher II X, Anti-Violence Advocate – TBD

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elizabeth Caywood, Deputy Commissioner of Department for Community Based Services & SIAC Vice Chair, asked for any public comment. There were no public comments.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Administrative Office of the Courts, 1001 Vandalay Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601

ADJOURNMENT

Rachel Bingham made motion to adjourn. **Elizabeth Caywood** – second to the motion.

Elizabeth Caywood, Deputy Commissioner of Department for Community Based Services & SIAC Vice Chair, adjourned the meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STANDING COMMITTEES	MEETING LOCATION
Outreach & Promotion	Did not meet
Racial & Ethnic Disparities	Meeting Room A
Social & Emotional Health	Meeting Room C

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

TASK:	RESPONSIBLE PARTY:
Complete Resources and Contacts form for Outreach & Promotion Standing Committee	SIAC Members and stakeholders; submit to Missy.Ross@ky.gov

IN ATTENDANCE

Members/Designees:

Elizabeth Caywood, DCBS
Rachel Bingham, AOC
Denitta Mercier, Parent
Vestena Robbins, DBHDID
Damien Sweeney, KDE

Rhonda Logsdon, KY-SPIN
Ivy Alexander, OCSHCN
Bill Heffron, DJJ
Kristen Martin, DPH
Callie Cartmell, Youth

Staff: Lea Taylor, SIAC Administrator, DBHDID; Lori Ramage, Administrative Specialist, DBHDID; Vanessa Brewer, RIAC Administrator, DBHDID

Partial Guest List:

Jenean Hampton, Lt. Governor
Sonny Mercier, SIAC Parent Alternate
Shirley Gardstein, Cumberland River RIAC
Whitney Hayse, P&A
Melina Hampton, DJJ
Ian Rosser, KY-SPIN
Angela Morris, AOC
DeeDee Ward, DBHDID
Liz McKune, Passport
Sarah Bowling, Aetna
Eboni Blackford, AOC
Randa Bush, New Vista
Cathy Prothro, DBHDID
Donnie Ray, MCCC
Brittany Thompson, RBHS
Anne Embry, Lifeskills
Christina Bonner, AOC
Christie Penn, DBHDID

Beth Jordan, DBHDID
Christina Weeter, KDE
Gwen Hatfield, DCBS
Lynette Ponder, DCBS
Brittany Roberts, KPFC
Susan Robinson, NorthKey
Leigh Ann Fitzpatrick, DMS
Laura Edwards, DBHDID
Beck Whipple, DBHDID
Kimberly Griffin, AOC
Liz Moreland, New Vista
Brittany Barber, DBHDID
Dominique Clark, AOC
Robert Ian Shepard, AOC
Michelle Sawyer, AOC
Kathy Mason, Bluegrass RIAC
Diane Gruen-Kidd, DBHDID

MEETING HANDOUTS

Any handouts referenced in the meeting summary above will be available on the SIAC website at <http://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/siac-summaries.aspx>. Under **Handouts**, use the drop down to select this meeting date.